

Philadelphia is a city of neighborhoods, and Jim works with character, generosity, and a deep love of all of his neighbors. He did not hesitate when asked to moderate a free library discussion about our family's book on addiction and recovery.

Jim Gardner has provided stability through uncertainty, from things electoral to environmental, and lift through our joys, like the current Eagles season.

For 45 years, Jim has been our Walter Cronkite with his signature mustache.

We will miss you in our living rooms, Jim, delivering the news with honesty, integrity, and respect. We wish you, America's anchor, a happy retirement. Thank you, Jim.

WELCOMING JULIAN BIDDLE PENDARVIS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to congressional foreign policy adviser Stephanie Pendarvis and her husband, Julian Hunter Pendarvis, on the birth of their first child, a boy.

Julian Biddle Pendarvis was born at 2:03 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington. He weighed 5 pounds, 10.5 ounces, and measured 18.75 inches long.

Stephanie has long been a valued member of the congressional team and has not only been instrumental in getting important policy legislation through the House but a positive influence on the staff and those around her. I know she and her husband will pass those fine qualities to baby Julian.

Additionally, I offer congratulations to the extended Biddle and Pendarvis families on the newest addition to their team.

In conclusion, God bless Ukraine and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Putin's Iranian drones attacked yesterday the key district I visited Saturday on a codel. Fortunately, the people of Ukraine have destroyed in the last week 85 percent of Putin's missiles and drones.

REMEMBERING THE SANDY HOOK TRAGEDY

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20 innocent little children and 6 brave teachers who were taken from their families 10 years ago today at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

I truthfully can't even comprehend the immense pain that these families must have felt and continue to feel every day.

I never want another family to experience this type of loss. That is why we

must remain committed to ending the gun violence epidemic that plagues our country.

Earlier this year, House Democrats passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which President Biden swiftly signed into law. It will save lives by funding violence prevention programs at schools, expanding background checks for those under 21 years of age, strengthening mental health resources, and so much more, but the fight is not over.

I promise to continue fighting until we are all saved from gun violence because we owe this to the victims of gun violence, their families, and their children.

We will always put children over the NRA. We will always put people over politics.

RECOGNIZING CHARLIE BOURG

(Mrs. RODGERS of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlie Bourg.

Charlie lives in Chewelah, a small town in northeastern Washington. He is an Army veteran. He served in Vietnam, and he is a fierce advocate for his fellow men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

Charlie also has terminal cancer. He received the devastating news months ago after a yearlong delay in receiving care from the Spokane VA due to a broken electronic health record system.

This could have been prevented. He should have more time to spend with his wife, Debi, his children, and his grandchildren. My heart breaks for them.

Charlie is here sharing his story this week, and I would like to make him a promise: No matter how long it takes, we will fix this system.

You will be the reason that it never happens again. You will not be forgotten. Matthew 28:11 says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join in recognizing Charlie Bourg. He is an incredible American and an even better husband, father, and grandfather.

RECOGNIZING THE KELLER FAMILY

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of an admirable family in my district who has provided decades of service to their friends and neighbors through the U.S. Postal Service.

John Keller worked at the U.S. Postal Service for 34 years, including 15 years as postmaster of the Ridley Park Post Office.

Now retired, his twin sons, Joe and Mike Keller, have worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 23 years each and are now both postmasters in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District.

Our Postal Service is an essential part of our Nation's infrastructure. The Postal Service delivers medicine to veterans, birthday presents from grandma, and, even in this day and age, holiday greetings from friends across the world.

The Postal Service keeps us connected with our communities, families and friends, businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies all over the country, and provides jobs to over 500,000 Americans; 3,000 in Pennsylvania's Fifth District alone.

We are so grateful to the Keller family and to all of our Postal Service workers for everything they do for us every day.

RENEWABLE ENERGY DOESN'T DO THE WHOLE JOB

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, nuclear power, hydropower, biofuels, solar, and wind are all positive sources of energy. They take advantage of available resources and bring high-paying technical jobs to rural areas, especially.

However, forcing people into renewable sources of energy only will not help families immediately heat their homes this winter or next.

Right now, in California, renewable energy accounts for roughly one-third of our power grid, depending on whether or not you count hydroelectric power, which large power plants aren't counted, for some arbitrary reason in our State.

Each summer, we face rolling blackouts throughout the State. Each winter, mountain towns face power shortages due to snowstorms knocking down power lines.

At this moment, natural gas and oil remain by far the most efficient and affordable sources of energy, a fact that the Biden administration must accept.

Renewable energy won't do the whole job. Yet, what are they doing? They are attacking oil and gas, which is based on some idea of CO₂. I remind you that CO₂ is only 0.04 percent of our atmosphere. It is dwarfed by all the others. Even trace gases are about equal.

Yet, we are hell-bent on getting rid of CO₂ and making people unable to use the energy they need, do their jobs, heat their homes, et cetera.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF SANDY HOOK

(Mrs. HAYES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Rachel Davino, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Ana M.